

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER  
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM  
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

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**Project Details**

**1. Project title:** Clackamas County Vulnerable Adult Unit

**2. Organization name and address (the recipient of the funds):**

Clackamas County  
2051 Kaen Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045

**3. Contact information**

- a. Project's primary contact:** Elissa Gertler
- b. Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** 503-742-5900
- c. Email Address:** elissager@co.clackamas.or.us
- d. Project location** (if different than organization's address):

**4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.**

The Clackamas County District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office and Department of Health, Housing and Human Services are integral parts of the County's public safety and human services resources.

**5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?**

Public.

**6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?**

Department of Health and Human Services – Aging Network Support Activities

**7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested** (no more than 500 words).

Clackamas County has the largest percentage (12.4) of residents age 65 and over in the tri-county metro area of population and more than 30,000 disabled adults. The Senior Citizens Council of Clackamas County assists about 750 elders a year with problems related to neglect, abuse and exploitation. The Clackamas Disabilities Team reported that 104 cases of abuse and neglect were reported for the 2009 calendar year. Experts estimate that only one in six cases of elder abuse are reported and a recent Oregonian investigation revealed that one in five disabled adults in Oregon state-licensed foster or group homes have been victims of serious abuse or neglect.

In order to enhance current efforts to protect disabled adults, the Clackamas County District Attorney, in collaboration with the Sheriff and the Department of Health, Housing and Human Services, proposes expanding the existing vulnerable elder abuse program by forming a

Vulnerable Adult Unit (VAU). This unit would consolidate current law enforcement and social service efforts to protect elderly and disabled adults by bringing together a multi-agency/multi-disciplinary team staffed with five full-time employees and one part-time employee. A senior prosecutor, victim advocate, and senior legal secretary from the Clackamas County District Attorney; a detective from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office; and a case manager and human services coordinator from the Health, Housing and Human Services Department would provide a comprehensive approach of investigation, prosecution, assessment, and treatment, combined with vigorous outreach and education activities that are focused on reporting and preventing the abuse of elderly and disabled adults.

This expanded program would: 1) increase the number of vulnerable adult abuse cases identified, reported, and successfully prosecuted, 2) ensure that all allegations of abuse of vulnerable adults are reported as mandated by Oregon House Bill 2442; and 3) reduce the number of vulnerable adult abuse cases that occur.

**8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

This program will reduce instances of elder abuse, and will serve as a model for other jurisdictions around the country who are seeking to combat this growing problem.

**9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?**

No.

**9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

**Funding Details**

**10. Amount requested for this project: \$335,000**

**11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

Personnel/Salary - \$185,000

Fringe Benefits - \$115,000

Travel and Training - \$9,000

Outreach, Education and Training Materials - \$26,000

**12. What is the total cost of the project?**

\$570,000

**13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011)?**

Yes.

**14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)**

The County is contributing \$235,000 to this project.

**15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.**

Clackamas County Sheriff